

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Extraordinary meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 14 March 2023, commencing at 9.30am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Tui Shortland

Councillors:

John Blackwell

Joe Carr *(via audio visual link)*

Jack Crow

Geoff Crawford

Peter-Lucas Jones

Amy Macdonald

Marty Robinson

Rick Stolwerk *(via audio-visual link)*

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor *(via audio visual link)*

Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer

Pou Taumatua - GM Corporate Services

Corporate Strategy Manager

Legal Advisor / Corporate Policy Specialist

Management Accountant

Assistant Management Accountant

Governance Specialist

Part Meeting

Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services

Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement *(via audio visual link)*

Secretarial Note: The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.31am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Councillor Jones.

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

There were no apologies.

Nga whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

It was advised that councillors should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Adoption of the Draft User Fees and Charges 2023/24 and approval to consult (Item 5.1)

Report from Nicola Hartwell, Legal Advisor (Corporate Policy Specialist)

Moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Draft User Fees and Charges 2023/24 and approval to consult' by Nicola Hartwell, Legal Advisor (Corporate Policy Specialist) and dated 9 February 2023, be received.
2. That council adopts the Statement of Proposal and the Draft User Fees and Charges 2023/24 (included as Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 5.1 of the 14 March 2023 Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda) for the purposes of consultation, pursuant to section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002, to be carried out in conjunction with consultation on the Annual Plan 2023/24.
3. That council delegates to the Group Manager – Corporate Services the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical and administrative changes to the Statement of Proposal and Draft User Fees and Charges 2023/24 prior to formal public consultation.

Carried

(Councillor Carr voted against the motion)

Secretarial Note: In the current economic climate the BERL inflation forecast of 4.2% was likely to be conservative. Further consideration to be given to the appropriate inflationary figure to be applied prior to deliberations.

Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Supporting Information for consultation (Item 5.2)

Report from Robyn Broadhurst, Corporate Planning Specialist

Moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Supporting Information for consultation' by Robyn Broadhurst, Corporate Planning Specialist and dated 9 February 2023, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

2. That council adopts the Annual Plan 2023/24 Supporting Information 'Annual Plan 2023/24 Supporting information' (included as Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 5.2 of the 14 March 2023 Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda) for consultation pursuant to sections 95 and 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

(Councillor Carr voted against the motion)

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

3. That council delegates to the Group Manager – Corporate Services the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical and administrative changes to the supporting information prior to formal public consultation.

Carried

Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document and approval to consult (Item 5.3)

Report from Robyn Broadhurst, Corporate Planning Specialist

Moved (Jones/Blackwell)

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document and approval to consult' by Robyn Broadhurst, Corporate Planning Specialist and dated 9 February 2023, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Craw/Stolwerk)

2. That council adopts and approves the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document (*included as Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 5.3 of the 14 March 2023 Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda*) for consultation pursuant to sections 82, 95 and 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The comms and engagement plan to be re-circulated to elected members and more information to be provided on the 'target conversion rate'.

It was further moved (Macdonald/Jones)

3. That council delegates to the Group Manager – Corporate Services the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical, and administrative changes to the Consultation Document prior to formal public consultation.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The amendments to include each option specifying the total percentage being funded by rates followed in brackets by the difference from what was already approved in the last Long Term Plan.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.